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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Examiner: Nhan T. Tran
: SEIJI HASHIMOTO) Group Art Unit: 2615
: Application No.: 09/611,269)
: Filed: July 6, 2000)
: For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS)
: December 28, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 2, 2004, consider the following prior to the examination of the above-identified application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith

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